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Applicant : Katz, et al.
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In response to the office action mailed November 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

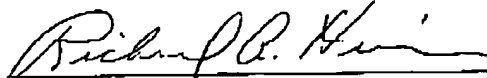
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